

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Its decision to air ONLY a one-sided anti-Kerry film like "Stolen Honor" is harmful to our democracy both locally and nationally. If they choose to broadcast "Stolen Honor" AND the pro-Kerry documentary "Going Upriver" as a basis for public discussion, that would be a different matter entirely - very much in the public interest. As it stands, Sinclair is acting against the public interest. I will oppose license renewal of its Milwaukee affiliates unless it changes its position.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.